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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/520,931	Applicant(s) KREMER ET AL.	
	Examiner AMY E. JUEDES	Art Unit 1644	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 April 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 51,52 and 74-105 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 51-52 and 74-105 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment, filed 4/17/08, is acknowledged.

Claims 29-50 and 53-73 have been cancelled.

Claims 74-105 have been added.

Claims 51-52 and 74-105 are pending.

2. Applicant's election with traverse of group III, drawn to a method for the suppression of transplant rejection, claims 51-52, in the reply filed on 4/17/08, is acknowledged.

Applicant's traversal is on the grounds that it would not be an undue burden to examine the entire application. This is not found persuasive because undue burden is irrelevant to the restriction practice for cases filed under 35 U.S.C 371 (see MPEP Chapter 1800). Applicant further argues that the Examiner has mistaken the invention of groups III and IV and the technical feature described in Munn et al. to be the same. Applicant has not provided any specific argument as to how the claimed invention differs from that described by Munn et al. Furthermore, the restriction requirement states that the inventions of groups I and II have no special technical feature that defined the contribution over the prior art of Munn et al. Thus, unity of invention of the entire claimed invention (i.e. including groups I-VI) is lacking, since all of the claims do not share a special technical feature that defines the contribution as a whole over the prior art.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

1. It is noted that Applicant has cancelled all of the claims drawn to the non-elected inventions. However, Applicant's amendment adding new claims 74-105 has necessitated a further requirement for restriction, outlined below.

3. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

4. The species are as follows:

Applicant is further required to elect:

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A specific type of transplant acceptance inducing cell, wherein the cell expresses CD3/CD14, FoxP3, CTLA4, or $\alpha\text{E}\beta 7$ integrin

and list all claims readable thereon including those subsequently added.

5. Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

6. The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reason:

The species of method comprising administering a CTLA4 expressing cell has no special technical feature that defined the contribution over the prior art of Kingsley et al., February, 2002.

Kingsley et al. disclose a method of treating transplant rejection comprising administering CD4+CD25+ T cells that express CTLA4 (See page 1083 in particular).

7. Since Applicant's inventions do not contribute a special technical feature when viewed over the prior art they do not have a single general inventive concept and so lack unity of invention.

8. Accordingly, the species are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept and restriction is proper.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amy E. Juedes, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-4471. The examiner can normally be reached on 6am - 2pm, Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen O'Hara can be reached on 571-272-0878. The fax phone number for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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